

# St. Mary's School Newsletter

*Always faithful to God, ourselves and others in the spirit of the Presentation tradition.*

*St. Mary's is committed to Child Safety and the inclusion of all children.*

**Respect Ourselves - Respect Others - Respect our Environment**

**Term 4 - Week 7 - Friday 19th November, 2021**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday 23 November**  
**Second Day of Kinder**  
**to Foundation**  
**Transition**

**Tuesday 30 November**  
**Third Day of Kinder to**  
**Foundation Transition**

**Wednesday 1**  
**December**

**Wacky Wednesday -**  
**Christmas Dress Up**  
**day**

**Thursday 2 December**  
**PD for Staff (Maths**  
**Conference)**

**Friday 3 December**  
**PD for Staff (Maths**  
**Conference)**

## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Chiltern

Sunday 9am

Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am

Wahgunyah

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## PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the classrooms & Learning spaces

Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Confirmation



Last Sunday the school and parish experienced a great celebration lead by Fr. Carey, with a wonderful Confirmation.. We congratulate our newly confirmed students **Travis, Penny, Lucas, Elijah, Holly, Carvyn, Faith, Murray, Arthur, Sam, Brodie, Sam, Flynn, Milligan**

I would like to give a special thanks to one of our parishioners, Ashley Walsh, who volunteered his services for the day as Covid Marshall.





## Nativity, Awards and Family Picnic Wednesday December 8th, at 6pm sharp.

Now that Covid restrictions have eased we will be able celebrate our school year with a junior nativity play, some students awards and a family BYO picnic outside in the school grounds.

Currently COVID restrictions only allow 100 in our church meaning the whole school, families and friends would not fit in so it is outside we go where the crowd limits are much more accommodating.

The evening will begin at **6pm sharp** with the junior school leading off with our Nativity play. The official duties will go no more than an hour and families are then encouraged to stay on and enjoy a **BYO picnic** . Let's pray for nice evening picnic weather !!!!



### Absenteeism and Late to School: PLEASE USE PAM

**An important Reminder:** A reminder that if your child is going to be late for school or absent from school could you please notify the school through **PAM** (Parent Access Module) always as your first port of call.

This means that your notification will go straight into the teacher's morning roll and will also mean that Amanda does not need to send out an unnecessary text reminder of where your child is.

**All late students must report to the office on arrival so Amanda can sign them in in every circumstance.**

## Grade 5/6 Camp The Old Priory, Beechworth

### Camp Recount

On Monday the 8 of November - Wednesday the 10 of November, the grade 5/6 St Mary's Rutherglen went to The Old Priory Beechworth.

On the first day, we went to the Eldorado Dredge and walked around the whole dredge. Then we went to the Eldorado Museum. Harry, Lucas and myself dressed up in olden day clothes. Next we went to Lake Sambell to feed the ducks, some people even swam. At night we had a history campfire and talked about Ned Kelly and his life.

On the second day, we went gold panning, I found 3 flakes of gold! We then went to Woolshed Falls for a hike around the waterfalls. After that we had a short rest, then went to the Burke museum (it was so cool). Finally for today we went to the old courthouse that Ned Kelly got trialed in and we even did a reenactment.

Lastly, on the third day, we went to the telegraph station and played on the old phones. Then we went to the LOLLY SHOP AND THE ICE CREAMERY!! The final, final thing that we did was the Ned Kelly walking tour, where we walked around Beechworth learning about Ned Kelly.

Thank you to Mrs Smith, Miss Terlich, Brenton and Rhi for taking the year 5s and 6s on this amazing camp to the Beechworth old Priory. I also can't forget to thank the Priory staff and all of the other staff from Burke Museum, Eldorado Museum, Telegraph Station and more.

**From Lexie Wilson**



## Grade 5/6 Camp Old Priory, Beechworth



## Electric Telegraph Message



This message has been transmitted using Morse code by a network of Morsecodian volunteers throughout Australia

**BEECHWORTH TELEGRAPH STATION VICTORIA**

Eaglehawk Telegraph  
Station  
13 Market St.  
EAGLEHAWK. 3556 Aust.

13 NOV 2021

ST MARYS GRADE 5  
75-89 HIGH ST  
RUTHERGLEN VIC 3685

HELLO ST MARYS THIS IS YEAR 5 WE ARE  
AT BEECHWORTH TELEGRAPH STATION SEE YOU  
..

12.45P PS

**NCM**  
NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS MUSEUM



(Image courtesy of the State Library of South Australia b2100793)









## Congratulations to this week's class room award winners

Back row: Flynn, Harry, Adelyn and Dusty

Front row: Oscar, Amelia-Rose, Harper, Ivy and Jed





## Pupil Free Days This term

There are a few pupil free days this term in our important dates so please make sure you mark these on your calendar.

**Thursday 2nd December & Friday the 3rd December** for a virtual Maths Conference.

**Frosty Friday** The Yr 6 Catholic Identity Team will be running Frosty Friday for the rest of the Term. Zooper Doopers are 50c. All money raised will go to the Missions.

*Please note that Zooper Dopers will not be available on Wednesdays for the rest of the term..*



## New & Important

### Vaccinations Requirements for School Visitors including Parents:

Visitors now, including parents and carers, who come onto school grounds for drop off or pick up, but do not enter buildings are not required to provide evidence of vaccination status.

However, visitors including parents and carers who enter school buildings must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medical exemption.

If you are intending on entering a room on school grounds you will firstly have to come to the office where a visual verification of your vaccinations status or exemption will be required before you can enter classrooms.

### IMPORTANT: PLEASE Still Be Cautious

A bit more freedom in Victoria today with many restrictions being eased and more freedoms available to us which is good news. However we still all need to be cautious and very mindful that there are many cases of COVID in our local surrounding NE areas and all families still need to strictly follow the community & school COVID protocols that remain in place.

**It is very important that no student is sent to school with any COVID symptoms.**

Students, even with the mildest symptoms, of a cold, running nose, cough etc are not to be at school. If a student does present to school with these symptoms we will have to send them home. Thanks to all families who have been vigilant in this area.

### Excerpt from School Operations Guidelines:

*"Stay home when unwell and get tested:*

*The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.*

*Everyone should consider their health before they start work or attend school and ensure that they are free from coronavirus symptoms and have not had contact in the past 14 days with a person confirmed to have coronavirus or a person suspected to have coronavirus."*

### Face Masks Update:

Eventhough we had good news yesterday with the significant lifting of most restrictions for fully vaccinated Victorians all staff and students in Yr3-6 are still required to wear a face mask inside classrooms but masks are not required outside in school grounds.



### Drop Off & Pick up:

**All parents and carers have been great in this area. Please just drop off and pick up your child from the rear car park. This system is working well. Only enter the school grounds if absolutely necessary.**

### Christmas Hamper Raffle & Donations:

Wow it's already getting around that time again for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. It would be appreciated if all families could send in some non-perishable items or Christmas themed gifts for the hamper.

**All school families will be automatically in the hamper draws at NO COST.**





# Happy Birthday

We send our best wishes to those who celebrated their birthdays last week and to those who are celebrating their birthdays this week.



Clementine



Hamish



Jessica



Travis

Art awards presented by Mrs van Zanten  
at assembly this morning

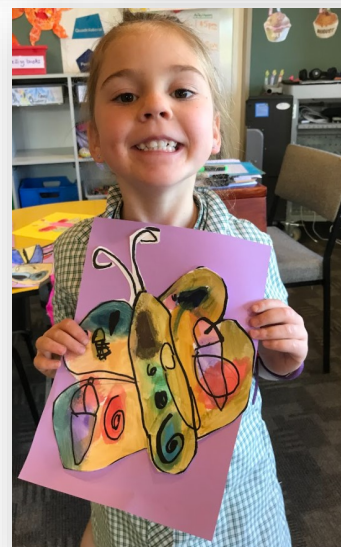
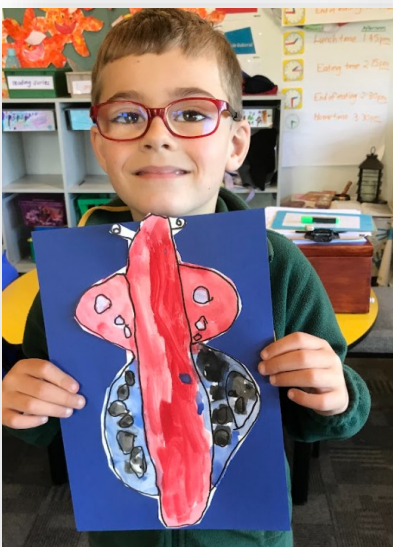
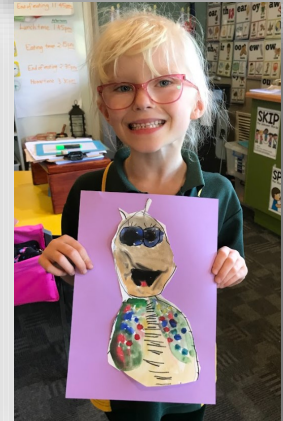
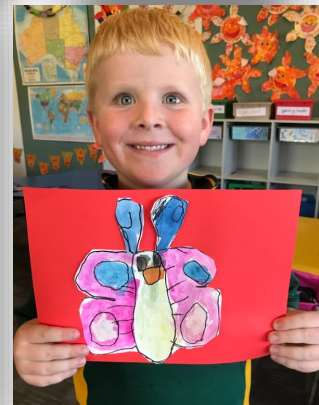
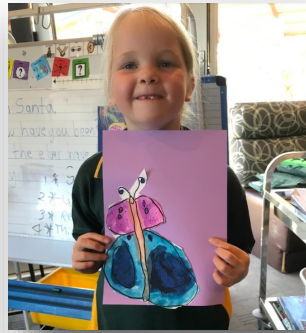
Amelia-Rose, Lexie, Harper, Isabel, Hamish and Colton





The Foundation students have been focusing on symmetry within their artwork.

Look at these amazing bugs and insects.





## PBIS Focus this week

### Expectations in the classrooms and learning spaces

Classrooms and learning spaces	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to the person speaking.</li> <li>• Do your best work.</li> <li>• Have a go at new things.</li> <li>• Listen and follow instructions.</li> <li>• Join in and participate.</li> <li>• Be in correct uniform.</li> <li>• Be organised.</li> <li>• Enter and exit rooms calmly and correctly.</li> <li>• Exiting people go first.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to the person speaking.</li> <li>• Encourage others.</li> <li>• Be inclusive of others.</li> <li>• Offer help to others.</li> <li>• Take turns.</li> <li>• Share equipment.</li> <li>• Be kind to others.</li> <li>• Be patient with others.</li> <li>• Value differences.</li> <li>• Respect people's personal space.</li> <li>• Walk.</li> <li>• Use your 'inside voice'.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up your workspace when you've finished.</li> <li>• Use resources correctly.</li> <li>• Put rubbish into the correct bins.</li> <li>• Use equipment for the correct purpose.</li> <li>• Keep your tubs clean and organised.</li> </ul>

*Back row:-* Henry, Elijah and Noah

*Front row:-* Ivy, Colton and Seve



Have a great weekend

Matt







# HO! HO! HO!

You're invited to Wacky Wednesday!

Date: Wednesday 1st December

Christmas Dress Up- \$1

All money goes to Cancer

BBQ- \$2 sausage in bread

Jelly bean contest- 50c a guess

Join in the Christmas fun and help us  
raise money for cancer!

Holly and Elijah!

Greentings ISLANDS

# Community Christmas

## It's on again- Covid Style

Ring Leonie: 0400429738 or Di  
0409901488

Meals will be cryo-packed with full heating  
instructions delivered to your door.



**Respect is  
treating  
all kids  
as equal.**



**RESPECT  
WOMEN** **CALL  
IT OUT**



**SAFE STEPS** 1800 015 188  
**1800RESPECT** 1800 737 732  
**MENS REFERRAL SERVICE** 1300 766 491

For more information, visit  
[respectvictoria.vic.gov.au](http://respectvictoria.vic.gov.au)





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Friday 3 December	PD for Staff (Maths Conference)
Monday 6 December	Rutherglen High School - Transition
	Grade 3/4 Excursion to Beechworth (details to come)
Tuesday 7 December	Rutherglen High School - Transition
Tuesday 7 December	State Transition Day
	Fourth Day of Kinder to Foundation Transition
Wednesday 8 December	Rutherglen High School - Transition
Wednesday 8 December	Nativity Play & Awards
Thursday 9 December	Year 6 Graduation dinner—Corowa RSL 6pm
Friday 10 December	End of Year School Mass
Tuesday 14 December	Fun Pool Day - Corowa Pool
Wednesday 15 December	Last Day Term 4 for Students
	(Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 3.30pm finish

# Important Calendar Dates - 2022

## Term 1

Monday 31 January	1st day Term 1 Students Return
Friday 8 April	Last Day Term 1 for Students
	(Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 3.30pm finish
Friday 15 April	Good Friday

## Term 2

Tuesday 26 April	1st day Term 2
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday

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